

REMARKS

Identification of Patentable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for identifying claims 3 - 4, and 15 - 20 as allowable. Claim 3 has been written in independent format to place claims 3 and 4 in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 2, and 5-9 are now dependent on allowable claim 3. Furthermore, claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3, and it is believed that claim 10 and those that depend therefrom are also in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 2-20 be allowed.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112

Claims 5, 6, 12 and 14 are rejected as being “misdescriptive.” The Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims correct any ambiguity in the claims. Should the Examiner feel otherwise, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner clarify how the claims 5, 6, 12 and 14 are “misdescriptive” so that a response can be framed.

Objection to Drawings

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner states that a various features must be shown in the drawings or the features cancelled from the claims. The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection for at least the following reasons. 37 CFR 1.83 only requires that drawings must be furnished “where *necessary* for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented.” The features that are the subject matter of the claims in question are readily apparent and will be understood to one with ordinary skill in the art upon reading the disclosure, and is understood from a reading of the specification and claims, without the assistance of drawings. Thus, the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) should be withdrawn, and such withdrawal is respectfully requested.

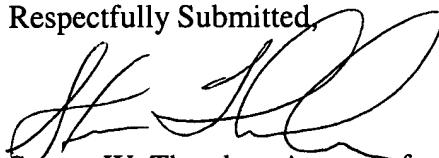
Conclusion

Thus, it is believed that the pending claims are allowable, and allowance of said claims is

respectfully requested. Other references made of record but not relied upon in the Office Action are considered no more relevant to the invention than the reference relied upon by the Examiner.

If the Examiner has other matters which remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the under signed attorney to resolve these matters by Examiners Amendment where possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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